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THE WEATHER.
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THE NEW CHARTER COMPLETED

Will Be Presented to Council To-night For Adoption.

Many Important Changes—Police Justice Abolished—A Collector of City Taxes Provided For—The City Treasurer to be Paid a Salary Instead of Commissions, as is Also the Commissioner of Revenue—Bonded Debt Limit Raised to 15 Per Cent. Instead of 10—Other Minor Changes.

The committee on amendments to the city charter met last night at the office of the clerk of Council. Chairman Loughery and all of the members were present except Mr. Boehm. City Solicitor Glasgow presented his draft of the new charter made up from the action of the committee, which was read and approved. The committee decided that they would introduce a resolution at the meeting of Council to-night instructing the clerk to make a large number of copies, to furnish each member of Council with one, and one to any citizen who may apply to him for a copy, and to adjourn over for a week or ten days when action will be finally taken. At such adjourned meeting the citizens will be invited to attend, and any citizen may present suggestions in writing which will be taken under consideration and acted upon by the Council.

The committee acting under the advice of the city solicitor, decided to recommend the re-enactment of the whole charter. The following are the amendments proposed:

Section 6, in relation to the election of councilmen, is amended so as to provide that in case a vacancy occurs in the Council, the Council instead of filling it only for the unexpired term, shall fill it only until the next general election, when the people shall fill the vacancy; also providing that removal from the ward of any member of Council shall vacate his office.

Section 9 is amended so as to make the term of office of the clerk of the markets and city solicitor two years instead of one, and also gives the Council the right to abolish any office which it has the right to create, such offices of course not being provided for in the charter.

Section 11 is amended so as to prevent any member of Council from being elected to any office in the gift of the Council without first resigning from the body.

Section 16 is amended so as to provide for a president pro tempore of the Council, who shall be elected at the same time the president is elected.

Section 47, in relation to making assessments for improvements on the abutting real estate, is amended by striking out, "and shall also be a personal debt of the owner of said property," in order to conform to a recent supreme court decision, which declares this part of the act unconstitutional.

Section 61 is amended so as to give the mayor power to try cases and authority to preside over the police court, and, together with subsequent sections, abolishes the office of police justice.

Section 63, in relation to payment of money by the treasurer, provides that all warrants shall be countersigned by the clerk.

Section 69 is amended so as to provide that the city treasurer shall be paid a salary for receiving and paying out the city revenue, instead of by commissions for collecting and disbursing as heretofore.

New section 69, provides for a collector of city taxes, whose duty it shall be to collect all city taxes and assessments, city licenses, rents, fines, penalties and other income and revenue of the city, which is not made specially the duty of some other officer to collect. He may appoint one or more deputies to be approved by Council, and shall be paid such compensation as the Council may prescribe by ordinance. He shall be elected by the Council for two years.

Section 68 is amended by providing that the commissioner of revenue shall be paid a salary for performing all duties in relation to the city taxes prescribed by the Council, instead of by commissions as heretofore. All fees collected by him must be paid to the treasurer.

Section 107 in relation to payment of taxes by the tenant of property and receiving credit for same on account of his rent is merely changed in form, but not in substance.

Section 110 is amended by adding the following provision in relation to the collection of taxes by the tax collector: "The Council may vest in the collector of city taxes and assessments, and any other collector of sums due the city, which it may appoint, any or all of the powers which are now or may hereafter be vested in any collector of State taxes, and may prescribe the mode of his proceeding and the mode of proceeding against him for failure to perform his duties. No deed of trust or mortgage on goods or chattels shall prevent the same from being distrained and sold for taxes assessed against the grantor in such deed, while such goods or chattels remain in the possession of the grantor nor shall any such deed prevent the goods and chattels conveyed from being distrained and sold for taxes thereon, no matter in whose possession they may be found."

"The Council may regulate the terms on which real estate may be bought and sold for taxes or redeemed, provided that all such sales shall be made subject to the prior lien of the commonwealth for taxes; provided, however, that the

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city taxes and assessments, city licenses, rents, fines and other income and revenue of the city for the year 1895 shall be collected in the manner provided by law on the day before this charter takes effect."

Section 103, providing for a sinking fund, is amended so as to provide that the amount set apart may be vested in city securities or the bonds of the State. It also provides for a sinking fund commission to be composed of the mayor, president of Council, chairman of the finance committee, treasurer and auditor.

Section 100 is amended so as to provide that the bonded debt of the city shall not exceed 15 per cent. of the assessed valuation of both real and personal property in the city limits, instead of 10 per cent., as heretofore.

These comprise all of the amendments recommended by the committee. There was one application to amend the boundaries of the city by cutting off a portion of Colonel Carr's property, which lies in the city limits, but the committee decided that it would be a bad precedent to have the city territory encroached upon. They thought that Colonel Carr could have the necessary remedy applied by the hustings court in the way of reducing the amount his land is assessed, as it is wood land and unimproved. The committee was unanimous in its recommendations.

The Following Valuable Testimonial Was Written by Mr. Farmer, who is Well Known Throughout Virginia:

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 12, 1895.

HOBBS MUSIC CO., Roanoke, Va.—GENTLEMEN: I have known and used the Lindeman Piano for many years, and regard it one of the best first-class, high grade pianos made. In fact, the Lindeman uprights are strictly artistic instruments and far superior to some of the old celebrated makes, the manufacturers of which claim to be the best. The Lindeman, therefore, appeals to all musicians, who must admire the tone and touch, as well as the elegantly finished cases.

It is thoroughly well made of the best material, hence absolutely durable.

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BRAZIL NUTS,	10c LB.
ALMONDS,	15c LB.
COCONUTS,	5c.
RAISINS,	8c LB.
SEEDLESS RAISINS,	9c LB.
CLEANED CURRANTS,	10c LB.
LEMONS,	12c DOZ.
ORANGES,	40c DOZ.

CATOGNI BROS.

Trial Trip for the Texas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The official trial trip of the United States battleship Texas which was to have been made today was postponed until to-morrow. The speed test will be at a point near the lightship, thence out to sea for a distance of twenty or twenty-five miles and the trial trip expects to return to the ship's anchorage off Tompkinsville to-morrow evening.

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Burglars Cause a Fire.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Burglars blew open the safe in Parman's warehouse at Franklin early this morning and the explosion, it is thought, knocked down a coal oil stove, which fired the building. This building, together with Parman Brothers' mill and a second warehouse belonging to them, were destroyed. Loss, \$34,000; insurance, \$24,000. The burglars escaped.

You will get value received for your money when you buy a new "N. & W." So don't be afraid to invest.

Ambassador Bayard Cheered.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—At a banquet for the actor's benevolent fund to-night Ambassador Bayard remarks as to the common ancestry and kindred of the people of Great Britain and the United States were loudly and enthusiastically cheered.

WHEN the cares of life oppress you, then resort to the solace of a new "N. & W."

THE Strike Situation Improved.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The strike here has assumed a less turbulent phase. The police are in control of the situation; but the running of cars is slow, tedious and unsatisfactory. Crowds of more than five persons are promptly dispersed by the bluecoats.

You ought to see and hear the pianos Hobbie Music Co. are offering for \$350, on \$10 a month, without interest.

Contraband Whiskey Captured.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 18.—A Richmond special to the Index-Appel says: Revenue officers this evening captured twelve barrels of contraband whiskey at Powell's saloon in Manchester. Powell is in North Carolina, ostensibly on business.

LAYING aside all levity, Reynolds Cigar Co.'s new "N. & W." is an elixir of life.

A Serious Charge.

PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—A special from Richmond to the Index-Appel says: That a young man named Harry Hancock was brought here from Norfolk to-night on the charge of the betrayal of Miss Effie Smith, of Manchester.

OLIVE back French pate hand mirrors. Call and see. Massie's Pharmacy.

THE PRESIDENT SUSTAINED

The House Authorizes the Appointment of a Commission,

And Appropriates \$100,000 for the Expenses Incurred in Investigating the Venezuelan Boundary Question—Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, Wanted the Matter Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, But His Objections Were Overruled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In the Senate a sentiment of belligerency was prevalent to-day, and from the outset the measures breathed a spirit of patriotism and of a preparation for any emergency that might arise concerning Venezuela. The first bill introduced was that of Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, providing an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for a heavy increase in the national armament. This was quickly followed by propositions authorizing the Secretary of War to purchase heavy armaments for the equipment of the army.

Mr. Hill, of New York, added to the suggestions of the defense by asking the immediate passage of a bill making ex-Confederates eligible to enter the army and navy. Aside from these steps inaugurating legislation the day passed without decisive action on the Venezuelan question.

The first investigation of the session was started by the passage of Mr. Call's long-pending resolution for an inquiry into an alleged corporate influence operating in the election of United States Senators and Representatives.

Mr. Hale succeeded in securing a resolution authorizing the committee on privileges and elections to prosecute the inquiry instead of creating a special committee for the purpose.

As a further example of the interest in the subject of British encroachments, the Senate agreed to a resolution introduced by Mr. Davis, calling upon the President for information of a Canadian military or civil expedition operating in any part of the territory of Alaska.

Throughout the day the Senate galleries were crowded beyond their capacity, showing the keen public interest in anticipated developments on the British-Venezuelan questions.

House Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—To-day's session of the House lasted only an hour, but it was sufficient for the passage of a bill authorizing the President to appoint a commission to investigate the Venezuelan boundary line, and appropriating \$100,000 for the expenses of the commission. The bill, which carries into effect the President's message, was prepared by Mr. Hitt (Rep., Illinois) this morning, and met the approval of Speaker Reed, although several Republican leaders expressed themselves in conversation as favoring the reference of the message to the committee on foreign affairs, Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, voicing that view on the floor.

Speeches for the bill were made by Mr. Hitt and Mr. Crisp and attempts were made by other members to secure recognition. There was no vote against it and much applause was given to the patriotic references to the message in the speeches. The text of the bill is as follows: A bill making an appropriation for the expenses of a commission to investigate and report on the divisional line between Venezuela and British Guiana.

"Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be needed be set aside and the same is hereby appropriated for the expenses of a commission to be sent to investigate and report upon the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana."

A scene of considerable excitement was caused by the request of Mr. Hitt for the unanimous consent to consider the bill which had been read by the clerk and loudly applauded.

Mr. Boutelle (Rep., Maine) was on his feet in front of Mr. Hitt. He prefaced his remarks that he disliked to object to the consideration of such a bill; "but," said he, "it seems that this subject is one of such importance, that the House of Representatives should proceed in a decorous manner to consider it. The President's message was read by the clerk yesterday, and it seems to me that the gentlemen may not be ready to set on a matter of such importance without deliberation."

Cries of "Ready, ready," from the Republican side interrupted Boutelle, but he argued that the matter was one which affected the relations of the two English-speaking nations of the world. "The press," he continued, "shows the country to be in a state of feverish excitement, and it seems that we ought to give this matter as much consideration as we would the matter of a few dollars."

Mr. Boutelle referred to the message as an extraordinary one, and said: "It seems to me that we should send the committee to be calmly considered the message, in which the President himself, for the first time in the history of such correspondence, has outlined the possibilities of war between the two great nations of the world."

The Speaker: "Does the gentleman object?"

Mr. Boutelle said that he had merely suggested a hope that the bill would go to the committee.

Mr. Hitt announced that he only desired to say a word concerning the bill and its purposes. He would do so, he said, without mentioning this side or that side, for he hoped there would be no two sides. Then it came to a question like this:

"Aside from its discussions of matters of national policy and interests, there was a request made by the President for help from the House to enable him to exercise his executive functions."

"The first thing for us to remember, patriots, is that the success of our country depends upon our maintaining that our Government should speak for all the people of the United States."

Mr. Hitt moved the previous question, but Mr. Crisp secured permission to say a word. He began: "I speak for all this side of the House, where there is no division as to the propriety of passing the bill. This House respectfully invited the government of Great Britain to arbitrate the boundary question between Venezuela and British Guiana. Great Britain has declined. Now what are we to do? If the American people have a fixed opinion on any question they have a decisive opinion that no European country can obliterate a boundary on this continent by force."

Mr. Crisp continuing, said: "If the boundary could not be ascertained by arbitration with the participation of Great Britain the United States should ascertain it alone. And when he have ascertained where it is we should have the courage and manhood to maintain it."

Mr. McCreary (Dem., Ky.) and Mr. Boutelle were shouting for recognition, but Mr. Hitt refused to yield the floor, and the previous question was put and carried with a shout of "yes," and no opposition.

The House decided to have its holiday recess extend from Friday, December 20, to Friday, January 3, a vacation of two weeks. There will be but one more session before the holidays, except that on Friday, when Speaker Reed will probably defy superstition and announce the House committees.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. Cleveland Congratulated—The Probable Course of Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—There was a demand for copies of the Venezuelan message and correspondence as contained in the Congressional Record to-day. President Cleveland had many callers, mostly Senators, who congratulate him upon the attitude he had assumed in his message.

The telegrams which began to come in yesterday commenting his course were supplemented to-day by letters coming through the mails. Secretary Olney also had his share of callers, Justice Harlan and Mr. Scruggs, ex minister to Venezuela, being among them.

There probably will be ample time for Great Britain to carry out the programme during the authorization and appointment of our boundary commission and admit our right to interpose, which is the vital point in the controversy, so that the commission is likely to fall subject to the same criticism that Lord Salisbury applied to Secretary Olney's statement, namely, that it is ex-parte and based entirely on the Venezuelan records.

One source of present danger, which gives apprehension as to the problem, lies with the Venezuelans themselves. As it is feared that, carried away by the enthusiasm aroused by President Cleveland's message and Secretary Olney's note of July last, they may be led to attack the British outposts of Uruan without awaiting the findings of the United States commissions as to the real boundary line, or may reject reasonable British overtures for a peaceful settlement of the boundary dispute. It is improbable that Secretary Olney will make a response to Lord Salisbury's notes at this time beyond a mere formal acknowledgment of their receipt, and the President will await the action of Congress upon his suggestion looking to a commission.

Although the North Atlantic squadron was scheduled to sail from Hampton Roads next Saturday on a cruise of evolution in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. It is doubtful at present whether the programme will be followed to the letter. The squadron will certainly not start until further orders are received from Secretary Herbert; who is at present in New York, and may be absent until the end of the week.

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Fearful Results of a Steampipe Explosion.

Seven Men Killed and Four Injured by an Accident on Board the American Line Steamship St. Paul While the Vessel Was Lying in Dock in North River Yesterday Morning.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Seven men were killed and four injured this morning by the explosion of the main steam pipe of the American Line Steamship St. Paul, while the vessel was lying in dock in the North river. The dead are James Fawn, engineer, of England;—Manning, fourth assistant engineer; Robert Campbell, machinist, New York; George Williams, machinist, Hoboken, N. J.; Daniel McCullon, machinist helper, Brooklyn; Robert Wilson and Adolph Folker, cleaners, New York. The injured are Frank Smith, third assistant engineer; Scott A. Dunham, machinist, England, and Edward Wischoch, engineer. All of these were seriously scalded and were taken to the hospital.

At the time of the accident, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, there were thirty men in the fire room and in the engineer's room. The main steampipe, which is three feet in diameter, runs from the engine to the fire room. It was this pipe which exploded. The main stop valve was blown out. The accident is believed to have been due to a flaw in the pipe. The ship's engineer thinks it will require several days to repair the damage caused by the accident.

Preparations were being made for the sailing of the vessel at 11 o'clock, but fortunately none of the passengers were aboard the vessel. The explosion was of terrific force, and shook the big vessel from stem to stern. Following the report was the sound of escaping steam. It poured up to the deck from the engine room in clouds, and completely enveloped the vicinity. From above the noise of the escaping steam could be heard the cries of men who had been at work in the engine room, and who were injured by the explosion.

The nature of the explosion was such that it rendered access to the locality extremely difficult. As quickly as possible the steam was turned off and almost simultaneously four half dead men scrambled up the iron stairway leading from the engine room and fell prostrate upon the port-side of the vessel. They were hurried into the cabin and restoratives administered to them.

Two more terribly scalded men were found in an almost unconscious condition lying near the bottom of the stairway and were lifted upon the deck. As soon as the steam had cleared away sufficiently to render the surroundings visible five men were found lying in various parts of the compartment dead. They had all been scalded to death and their faces and those parts of the body which were not covered by their clothing looked as if they had been parboiled. The other two victims, Folker and Wilson, died after being taken to the hospital.

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A Serious and Fatal Accident.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 18.—Four workmen were fatally injured and nine others were badly hurt a Mid Valley colliery this morning by the wrecking of a runaway work train. A dozen other workmen saved themselves by jumping into the brush while the train was dashing down a steep grade, at the bottom of which it was derailed and wrecked. The names of the fatally injured are: James Hollister, engineer, aged 33 years; John Leibig, of Mount Carmel; Edward Allebach, miner, aged 39 years; George Smith, laborer. The least seriously injured are: William Miller, Wm. Collins, John Helon, George Zipha, Joe Lavanofski, Stanley Yessali. Five Polanders with unpronounceable names were also painfully, but not seriously, injured.

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